

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00052-RC**

ADVANCEMENT PROJECT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY et al  
Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 01/10/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
01/10/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against All Defendants ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5881453) filed by ADVANCEMENT PROJECT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons Summons DHS, # <u>3</u> Summons Summons ICE, # <u>4</u> Summons Summons State Dept., # <u>5</u> Summons Summons US AG, # <u>6</u> Summons Summons US Attorney DC, # <u>7</u> Summons Summons USCIS)(Jimenez, Losmin) (Attachment 1 replaced on 1/10/2019) (zef, ). (Entered: 01/10/2019)
01/10/2019	<u>2</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Jessica Alcantara, :Firm- Advancement Project, :Address- 1220 L Street, NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20005. Phone No. - 202-728-9557. Fax No. - 202-728-9558 Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-5881663. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by ADVANCEMENT PROJECT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Jimenez, Losmin) (Entered: 01/10/2019)
01/10/2019	<u>3</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name- Jennifer Yeu-Jeng Lai-Peterson, :Firm- Advancement Project, :Address- 1220 L Street, NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20005. Phone No. - 202-728-9557. Fax No. - 202-728-9558 Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090-5881690. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by ADVANCEMENT PROJECT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Jimenez, Losmin) (Entered: 01/10/2019)
01/10/2019	<u>4</u>	ERRATA by ADVANCEMENT PROJECT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Complaint)(Jimenez, Losmin) (Entered: 01/10/2019)
01/10/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zef, ) (Entered: 01/10/2019)
01/10/2019	<u>5</u>	SUMMONS (6) Issued Electronically as to U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 01/10/2019)
01/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER denying <u>2</u> , <u>3</u> Motions for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice: The Court notes that Jessica Alcantara and Jennifer Yeu-Jeng Lai-Peterson maintain an office within the District of Columbia. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2(c)(2) ("Practice by Non-Members of the Bar of this Court"), "[a]n attorney who engages in the practice of law from an office located in the District of Columbia must be a member of... the Bar of this Court to file papers in this Court." Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that the <u>2</u> , <u>3</u> Motions for Admission Pro Hac Vice are DENIED. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 1/11/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 01/11/2019)

01/22/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 1/22/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 2/21/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Jimenez, Losmin) (Main Document 6 replaced on 1/28/2019) (ztth). (Entered: 01/22/2019)
01/22/2019	<u>7</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 1/22/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Jimenez, Losmin) (Main Document 7 replaced on 1/28/2019) (ztth). (Entered: 01/22/2019)
01/22/2019	<u>8</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT served on 1/22/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Jimenez, Losmin) (Main Document 8 replaced on 1/28/2019) (ztth). (Entered: 01/22/2019)
01/22/2019	<u>9</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 1/22/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Jimenez, Losmin) (Main Document 9 replaced on 1/28/2019) (ztth). (Entered: 01/22/2019)
01/26/2019	<u>10</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Johnny Hillary Walker, III on behalf of All Defendants (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 01/26/2019)
01/28/2019	<u>11</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 1/22/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Jimenez, Losmin) (Main Document 11 replaced on 1/28/2019) (ztth). (Entered: 01/28/2019)
01/28/2019	<u>12</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES served on 1/22/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit)(Jimenez, Losmin) (Main Document 12 replaced on 1/28/2019) (ztth). (Entered: 01/28/2019)
02/21/2019	<u>13</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT.(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 02/21/2019)
02/21/2019		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule by March 7, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 2/21/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 02/21/2019)
02/27/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 3/7/2019 (tj) (Entered: 02/27/2019)
03/05/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report updating the Court on the status of Defendants' responses to Plaintiff's requests on or before April 12, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 3/6/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/07/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 4/12/2019 (tj) (Entered: 03/07/2019)
03/13/2019	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Gilda R. Daniels on behalf of ADVANCEMENT PROJECT (Daniels, Gilda) (Entered: 03/13/2019)
04/11/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 04/11/2019)
04/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report updating the Court on the status of Defendants' responses to Plaintiff's requests on or before May

		13, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/12/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 04/12/2019)
04/18/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 5/13/2019 (tj) (Entered: 04/18/2019)
05/13/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 05/13/2019)
05/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report updating the Court on the status of Defendants' responses to Plaintiff's requests on or before July 12, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/13/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 05/13/2019)
05/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 7/12/2019 (tj) (Entered: 05/21/2019)
07/12/2019	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>18</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report updating the Court on the status of Defendants' responses to Plaintiff's requests on or before August 16, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 7/12/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
08/16/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
08/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>19</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report updating the Court on the status of Defendants' responses to Plaintiff's requests on or before November 14, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 8/16/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 08/16/2019)
08/20/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 11/14/2019. (tj) (Entered: 08/20/2019)
11/14/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 11/14/2019)
11/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>20</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report updating the Court on the status of Defendants' responses to Plaintiff's requests on or before February 28, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/14/2019. (lcrc1) (Entered: 11/14/2019)
12/23/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 2/8/2020 (tj) (Entered: 12/23/2019)
02/28/2020	<u>21</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 02/28/2020)
02/28/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>21</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report updating the Court on the status of Defendants' responses to Plaintiff's requests on or before April 30, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 2/28/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 02/28/2020)
03/13/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 4/30/2020 (tj) (Entered: 03/13/2020)

04/08/2020	<u>22</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Scott Blynn on behalf of ADVANCEMENT PROJECT (Blynn, Daniel) (Entered: 04/08/2020)
04/08/2020	<u>23</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Meryl E. Bartlett, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–7002203. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by ADVANCEMENT PROJECT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of M. Bartlett, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Blynn, Daniel) (Entered: 04/08/2020)
04/08/2020	<u>24</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Helen M. Chen, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–7002217. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by ADVANCEMENT PROJECT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Helen Chen, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Blynn, Daniel) (Entered: 04/08/2020)
04/08/2020	<u>25</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– JaeWon Lee, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–7002234. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by ADVANCEMENT PROJECT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of JaeWon Lee, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Blynn, Daniel) (Entered: 04/08/2020)
04/08/2020	<u>26</u>	MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name– Malvika A. Sinha, Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number ADCDC–7002268. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by ADVANCEMENT PROJECT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Malvika A. Sinha, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Blynn, Daniel) (Entered: 04/08/2020)
04/08/2020		MINUTE ORDER denying <u>23</u> , <u>24</u> motions for leave to appear <i>pro hac vice</i> : The Court notes that Meryl E. Bartlett and Helen M. Chen are admitted to the District of Columbia Bar and maintain offices within the District of Columbia. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2(c)(2) ("Practice by Non–Members of the Bar of this Court"), "[a]n attorney who engages in the practice of law from an office located in the District of Columbia must be a member of... the Bar of this Court to file papers in this Court." Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.8(a), attorneys who are active members in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar may petition the Clerk for admission to the bar of this Court. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/8/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 04/08/2020)
04/08/2020		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>25</u> , <u>26</u> motions for leave to appear <i>pro hac vice</i> : Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.2(d), it is hereby ORDERED that Malvika A. Sinha and JaeWon Lee are admitted to represent Plaintiff <i>pro hac vice</i> in this case. SO ORDERED. <b>Counsel should register for e-filing via PACER and file a notice of appearance pursuant to LCvR 83.6(a). Click for instructions.</b> Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 4/8/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 04/08/2020)
04/16/2020	<u>27</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Ian David Volner, Sr on behalf of ADVANCEMENT PROJECT (Volner, Ian) (Entered: 04/16/2020)
04/16/2020		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>27</u> Notice of Appearance; emailed to idvolner@venable.com, cc'd 6 associated attorneys — The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Please update your address in PACER. (ztth, ) (Entered: 04/16/2020)
04/30/2020	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 04/30/2020)
05/01/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>28</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before June 30, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/1/2020. (lcrc1) (Entered: 05/01/2020)
05/01/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/30/2020. (tj) (Entered: 05/01/2020)
06/30/2020	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 06/30/2020)
06/30/2020		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>29</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before August 28, 2020. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 6/30/2020.

		(lcrc1) (Entered: 06/30/2020)
07/01/2020		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 8/28/2020. (tj) (Entered: 07/01/2020)